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As of 15 December the military situation in Southeast China was as indicated in the following paragraphs.

Nationalist General PAI Chung-hsi's 1 Army Group:

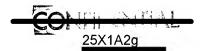
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- The 14 Army, consisting of the 62 and 63 Divisions, was destroyed at a river crossing north of Nanning.
- The 97 Army, comprising the 33, 82 and Temporary 1 Divisions, was destroyed in the Poseh area.
- The 103 Arry, comprising the 234 and 347 Divisions, was partially lestroyed in the Poseh area.
- d. The 71 Army, comprising the 87 and 38 Divisions, was almost compl tely destroyed by Communist General CHEN Keng's forces in bridgehead : shting west of Peihai. Its commanding general was captured.
- The equivalent of two divisions of the 1 Army Group, plus 2-3,000 remnants of the 100 Army are now in the Lungchou area near the Indochina border.
- PAI's 3 Army Group: 2.
 - a. The commanding general was captured, and the 7, 48 and 126 Armies were partially destroyed by CHTN Keng while withdrawing from the Yunghsien area. The 58 Army was completely destroyed during this operation.
 - b. A total of six divisions of this army group succeeded in reaching Hainan.
- PAI's 10 Arry Group:
 - Two-thirts of the 46 Army was destroyed while attempting to evacuate to Hainan through Peihai, which had been taken by an encirclement by CHFM Meng.
 - The 125 Army was entirely destroyed north of Hoon, and its commanding general captured.
 - The 127 Army, plus one division of the 46 Army, remain on the Luichow

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Peninsula hoping to evacuate to Hainan.

- 4. PAI's 56 Army, which was the rear guard south of Liuchou in the early fighting, lost the 329 Division in the retreat toward Luichow Peninsula. Two divisions remain on the peninsula and are preparing to evacuate.
- 5. PAI's headquarters troops were mauled while attempting to evacuate from Tamhsien, a small port west of Hopu. Three army regiments, two engineer regiments and one elite guard regiment were lost with all equipment.
- 6. Although the Communists lost a few thousand guerrillas under LIEN Kuang in the early fighting east of the Luichow Peninsula. Communist General LIN Piao's advance from the north was made with negligible opposition and no appreciable Communist losses.
- 7. PAI's two army groups' attempted offensive east of the Inichow Peninsula was nullified by CHEN Keng's 4 Army* driving at great speed through Sunyi (110-52, 22-08) across PAI's line of retreat and encircling PAI's 7, 48, 58, and 126 Armies.
- 8. CHEN Keng is now deploying against Nationalist General YU Han-mou's troops in the Kuangchouwan area, and will attack shortly. The Communists will attack Hainan after they finish operations on the Luichow Peninsula.
- 9. The New 7 and New 8 Armies, a total of 20,000 troops of reorganized Kwangsi militia, are now in Hainan. These armies entirely lack equipment and are of negligible military value.
- 10. PAI's total force now consists of approximately 12 divisions representing less than half of his original force. This does not include the New 7 and New 8 Armies.

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Comment. It is believed that the reference in to the destruction of the Communist 14 Army should have been a reference to portions of CHEN Keng's 4 Army. The 14 Army, which is under LIU Po-cheng, is in the Chengtu area and has not been in contact with PAI's troops.

